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Love parades?

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Dead heat

The First National Bank of Carbondale's 10,000-meter run had a dead heat for first place!

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HI YO, SILVER!

Clayton Moore, the actor who played the Lone Ranger, is seen without his mask or sunglasses in this studio photograph taken before his Lone Ranger days. See stories below. (Photo courtesy of Jerry Perri)

Mirror faced with dilemma

To mask or not to mask...

Sometimes a newspaper is confronted with a "can't win" situation. This is what happened to the Carbondale MIRROR the other week. A reader called the office to let us know that he had an old movie studio photograph of Clayton Moore, the actor who played the Lone Ranger for so many years on television. "Send him to it," we replied. "Send him to it," we weren't in the office when it arrived. When we did get to the office, we were told about the photograph — Moore was wearing no mask!

It was a photograph of the Lone Ranger unmasked!

As a youngster, during the height of the "Lone Ranger" television show, we remember the popular show "You Asked For It" receiving the request that it unmask the Lone Ranger.

No can do, "You Asked For It" replied. It was one of the few times they could not fulfill a request.

We were disappointed! Now we were confronted with the same situation, but we could fulfill the request.

Should we print it in our second issue — boost our sales beyond expectation just days before Moore arrived in town?

But what about the mystique involved with the masked man? Would it be akin to pulling off Santa's beard in front of all the children in Macy's Department Store?

Perhaps. There, we elected to hold off publishing the photo a week. Then, maybe, it would be akin to pulling off Santa's beard after all the children went home.

MIRROR features editor Nan Waters questioned some of our readers on whether or not they would want to see Moore unmasked.

See story this page for the results of her informal survey.

Residents answer yes or no

by NAN WATERS

"Would you like to see the Lone Ranger without his mask?"

"Are you curious as to what he really looks like?"

During all the hoopla of the Third Annual Pioneer Days Celebration last week, the MIRROR took to the streets. We conducted a Person in the Street interview to find out how area residents, young and old, felt about seeing Fran Striker's great western hero sans mask.

Our best reply came, we thought, from 11-year-old Paul J. Vugino, 4 East Main Ave., who said, "No. It would be like taking away the clown face from Charlie." (Ed. note: Remember "Howdy Doode?")

His ten-year-old brother, Kevin, also said, "No. He never showed his face to anyone else."

Carbondale Public Librarian Miss Anne Muldoon, 12 Oak Ave., also isn't curious about his looks. "He should wear his mask. That's his trademark."

Eleven-year-old Maria Kulinski of Forest, agrees. "No. Once you know who he is, it wouldn't be any fun trying to guess."

Encores Theatre thespian Bob Anderson, 75 Williams Ave., "No. I'm a Lone Ranger fan... I still watch him on TV."

And Susan Matos of Vandling, replied, "I'm not curious as to what he looks like. Besides, I like the newer one."

Joe Lipovsky of Vandling, also said, "No," and hadn't seen the newer, younger version of the Lone Ranger.

Michelle Wallace, 678 Homestead St., Simpson, "I want him to wear his mask, because he's not the Lone Ranger without it."

Sixteen-year-old Joe Brymeyer of Glendale, Moonic, a vendor at Pioneer Days, said emphatically, "He should have his mask on as long as he lives. I'm not curious as to what he looks like. I'm a big Lone Ranger fan. I was a Tonto fan, too, but he died."

Paul Daugavels, 612 Lackawanna St., Forest City, floral designer, "Yes. I'm just curious as to what he looks like under the mask."

Frank Sherman, R.D. 1 Waymart, "Yes. I'm curious, too."

Ronald Hudson, Sr., 22 Laurel St., "WHY NOT?"

Frank Hernandez, 36 Garfield Ave., "I'd like to see him without his mask. I watch him on TV."

Frank Hernandez, 109 Farview St., "Uh... it doesn't matter. I watch him a little."

Joyce Romich, 38 North St., Forest City, "Yes, I would. Just for curiosity's sake."

MINNIE MOUSE, Archdale Street, "Yes, I'm curious," and MICKY MOUSE, 7 Campan Place, "Yes. Just curious."

And so, in the public interest, (just like the Washington Post during Watergate days), the Carbondale MIRROR casts caution to the wind with today's publication of Clayton Moore without it.

No fictional hero, in radio, films and TV, ever did so much for law and order in the West.

No one ever popularized the overture to any opera the way he did. We once attended a concert of classical music at a school assembly. When the overture to Rossini's opera, "William Tell," was played, the kids identified with it, and went wild, shouting, "Hi, Yo, Silver. Awwwwwwwww!" To them it was a classical operatic musical opening, it was the Lone Ranger's theme song. Da da dum, da da dum, da da dum dum dum...

Clayton Moore did that. Who was that masked man, anyway?

City resident bikes home for 'fun of it'

"For the fun of it" is the reason Jerry Reynolds gave the MIRROR for his hundred-mile plus bicycle trip home the other weekend.

The 19-year-old works for a Pathway Market in Jersey City, N.J. (while looking for work as a plumber).

It was from Jersey City that he left on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 5:30 a.m., for his journey to the home of his parents — Gerald and Mary Reynolds, 7 Forty-fourth St.

From Jersey City he passed through Newark. Then he went up U.S. 46 to Route 15, to 206, and finally to U.S. 6. From there the names of the towns are familiar — Milford, Haverly, Homestead, Waymart, and Carbondale.

Some 14½ hours later he was home at Forty-fourth Street.

Reynolds explained that he no trouble making the trip on his 12-speed Peugeot (a French-made bicycle).

The weather was sunny and mild. He encountered no rain.

The route was smooth. He had clear sailing.

But by the time he hit Waymart and Farview Mountain, Well.

Before he left New Jersey, people there were saying it would take him two days to make the trip — not less than one day as he did.

And, he confessed to the MIRROR, he also believed it would take the two days.

He was not worried how long it took as he took a week off from work; therefore, he was "under no pressure to do it."

Chocolate bars

With an eye toward traveling light, Reynolds carried no sleeping bag, but did have a flannel shirt for any nighttime travel he might have (although, as it turned out, it was not needed).

The 1980 graduate of Carbondale Area High School also carried water and some chocolate bars.

Along the way he stopped, he couldn't remember exactly three or four times to rest and to stretch his legs by walking a little.

Prior to the trip he had no restraining for such a distance.

Oh, he did take his bike over to New York City's Central Park and ride around that metropolitan playground and he did ride around town some.

With that in mind, how did he feel when he arrived home?

Apparently, none the worse for the trip. He did stay home that night, talking with his mother, who "didn't even know I was coming."

Next trip?

Reynolds would like to bicycle to Buffalo, N.Y., to visit his cousin. Whether he starts from Jersey City or Carbondale depends, as he says, on whether he is still working in Jersey City when he is ready for the trip.

By the way — he took a bus back to Jersey City Thursday.

After all, the challenge had been met.

... and he passes through city after biking through Europe

For a young man passing through Carbondale Thursday, bicycling was a part of his life for the entire summer.

Walking his bicycle past the office of the Carbondale MIRROR early Thursday afternoon Steve Schitt of Ithaca, N.Y., was cornered into an interview.

Toured Europe on bike

That interview brought out the fact that he was on the final leg of a journey which began around June 5 when he arrived in Europe with his 10-speed Fuji (Japanese-made) bike.

Traveling with 40 pounds of gear — pants, tent, sleeping bag, foam mattress, cooking equipment, and clothes — he biked across much of France, Ireland, Wales, and England.

And he biked across some of Italy and a little of Switzerland.

Using the extensive railway system of Europe when the terrain became a little too rugged for bicycling, the May graduate of Cornell University's graduate school estimates that two-thirds of his entire European trip was on bike.

However, because of the mountains of Switzerland, he found himself riding the trains more than in any of the other countries.

Yet he "got some thrills going down some hills there."

Schitt explained that because the rail system is so extensive in Europe — almost every little town is connected by train — that he could choose to get off the train and ride down-hill to the next town where the train stopped.

During his traveling in France, he watched a part of the Tour de France — probably the top bicycling event in the world as cyclists race across the country.

After visiting the Continent, he took a ferry across the English and St. George's channels to Ireland. For a week he traveled through the Emerald Isle.

Next came Wales for a couple of weeks. There, he said, he met "some really nice people."

Gloicester, Oxford, and London in England were next on the trip. Oxford, while a really old university town, was "really kept up nicely."

Twisting London streets

It, too, will follow the 180-day schedule. The last day of school is listed as June 4.

About 2,000 students will return to classes in the Lakeland School District on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The cafeteria is also slated to open that day.

While following the mandated state calendar of 180 days, the MIRROR was told that no date has yet been set for the last day of school.

Teachers in the Carbondale Area School District return to the hallowed halls of education on Sept. 8 for an inservice program.

The following day, the estimated 2,000 students of the district start the new school year.

The district's cafeteria will also open that first day. Students will follow the 180-day schedule, with school officially ending June 17.

Sacred Heart High School's faculty returns Sept. 8 and students there return the next day. The cafeteria there doesn't open until the following Monday, Sept. 14.

For the approximately 200 students school will end on June 17.

St. Rose Elementary School, Carbondale, has about 450 students going back to classes on Sept. 9. The school's cafeteria service will begin on Sept. 14.

Using a 180-day schedule, the students should have their last day of school on June 17.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, Carbondale, will start its classes on Sept. 9, with the nearly 185 students attending school from 8:15-12 noon the first three days.

The city elementary school will follow a 180-day calendar, meaning that classes will end June 17.

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Have a safe

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from the Mirror staff...